

Wait, but it gets better. The document also says that among the “basic rules you must follow” at BP is always to “make sure you know what to do if an emergency occurs at your place of work.” Straight from BP’s Web site.

Well, 40 days into one of the worst ecological disasters of our time, BP has yet to meet its own commitment in its Web site to its own integrity. If the code of conduct is consistently violated, causing massive destruction and loss of life, then that employee or contractor would be terminated. The American people should demand no less.

Today I plan to introduce an amendment to the Department of Defense authorization bill to begin the process of terminating BP’s business with the American people. Please join me in supporting my amendment to ensure that BP is permanently banned from profiting off the American taxpayer.

HONORING MELISSA BEYRUTI OF UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

(Mr. SIREs asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the achievements of an inspiring student athlete, Melissa Beyruti of Kean University.

Melissa, an All-American senior basketball guard from Union City, New Jersey, finished her career this past March to become the NCAA Division III leader in all-time games played with 128. She also became Kean’s all-time leading scorer, closing out her career with 1,974 points, and she holds the NCAA all-division record for career three pointers with 397.

In addition to being chosen for the 2010 NCAA Division III State Farm Coaches’ All-American Team, Melissa has been named as both the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Metro Region Player of the Year and the New Jersey Athletic Player of the Year. Highlights of her career have been featured in *The New York Times* and *Sports Illustrated*.

Melissa has served as both an exemplary student athlete and role model for young girls and women, making her family, university, and the community of Union City very proud. She is an inspiration to many, and I want to congratulate her and her family. I look forward to her many future successes on and off the court.

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE EPA

(Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, this past Friday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee released a report that outlines the economic impact of the EPA’s

holding up perfectly valid mining permits. This report brings to light yet another example of the EPA’s war on coal that threatens our country’s economic energy and security.

The report found that 190 coal mining operations are being held up. These mines are expected to produce over 2 billion tons of coal, and 81 small businesses rely on these permits to keep their doors open. The EPA is jeopardizing 1 out of every 4 coal mining jobs and over 162,000 indirect jobs in Appalachia.

Enough is enough. With nearly double-digit unemployment throughout the Appalachian region, the Obama administration should tell its EPA to stop its political attacks on coal. Now is the time to put politics aside so thousands of citizens in Appalachia can return to work.

AMERICAN JOBS AND CLOSING TAX LOOPHOLES

(Ms. PINGREE of Maine asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I want to talk about H.R. 4213 and the impact it will have on an economy that may be improving but has not gone far enough yet. This important bill will put the folks in Maine back to work by increasing investment in our communities and businesses and by closing tax loopholes.

Because of this bill, small businesses that are the backbone of our economic recovery will have increased access to credit. The Build America’s Bonds program will continue to allow towns to invest in improving their infrastructure and provide good-paying construction jobs for many Americans. In my home State of Maine, extending the research and development tax credit helps important businesses like IDEXX in Westbrook to grow and develop innovative new products.

I am proud to say this bill also cracks down on tax loopholes that allow hedge fund managers to avoid paying income tax on much of their salaries, and the bill makes sure that multinational corporations don’t avoid paying taxes by shifting their profits to offshore tax havens.

Closing tax loopholes generates billions of dollars to pay for the provisions that create jobs in our communities. I look forward to voting “yes” on this important bill.

BUSINESS ECONOMIC HISTORY THAT MIGHT MAKE PINOCCHIO BLUSH

(Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we heard some business economic history that might make even Pinocchio blush.

Our friends on the other side of the aisle sometimes want the public to forget we inherited an economy in free fall last January. GDP had plummeted 5.4 percent and 741,000 Americans lost their jobs that month. This Congress took decisive action to halt that downward spiral known as the Great Recession.

Those efforts are yielding results today, fostering 290,000 jobs last month, 600,000 jobs so far this year, on a track to create more jobs this year than in the previous 8 years under their rule. In my Virginia district alone we created 4,000 jobs last month and saw the unemployment rate drop.

The national economy has posted positive growth in each of the last three-quarters, jumping 5.6 percent alone in the first quarter. Mr. Speaker, our Republican colleagues continue to advocate for the bankrupt policies that previously drove our Nation into the economic ditch. We have chosen a new path, and it’s those actions and investments that are putting Americans back to work today.

ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

(Ms. SPEIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month and the remarkable contributions the Asian and Pacific Islander community have made to our Nation. I am a proud member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, and my district includes some of the most robust and active Filipino and Chinese communities in America.

For centuries our Nation has been strengthened by the enormous courage, sacrifice, and dedication of immigrants from across the globe, and the Asian American Pacific Islander community is no exception. As the daughter and granddaughter of immigrants, I know firsthand how weaving values and principles from our cultures into our national fabric is a part of what makes our country great.

The heroes of the AAPI community represent the very best aspects of American life, and their contributions have been invaluable to my district, the State of California, and to our country.

PUT LIMITS ON CORPORATIONS’ ABILITY TO INFLUENCE AMERICAN ELECTIONS

(Mr. YARMUTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, when the Supreme Court handed down a decision in the *Citizens United* case, which allowed corporations, including foreign corporations, to spend money to advocate candidates in American elections, many people might have thought this